Hey Everyone...it’s Becky from Patchwork Posse. I’ve been busy sewing it up crazy like and have been exploring in 3-d quilt blocks and dresden plates. You can find more about that here. Today I am excited to share a Sparkler mini quilt tutorial.
Evenings during the summer are a great time to hang out with family and friends. Usually there are fireworks involved...or sparklers! The kids love them. This mini quilt is all about sparklers....how in the evening they glow red and make twirly designs in the night sky. Finished size: 16” X 19”

Ingredients:

24-- 2” X 2” Red- sparkler fabric
24-- 2” X 2” Black print or dark print- background
16-- 1 1/2” X 1 1/2’ black background
10-- 1 1/2” X 2 1/2” black background
6-- 2 1/2” X 2 1/2” black background
Red- 1st border:
2-- 1 1/2” X 10”
2-- 1 1/2” X 15 1/2”
Black- 2nd border:
2-- 2 1/4” X 12”
2-- 2 1/4” X 19”
Backing and Batting: 17” X 21”

Instructions:

1) On the wrong side of the sparkler fabric- draw a line from corner to corner.
2) Sew 1/4” from the line on both sides
3) Cut on the drawn line and iron
4) Square up your half square triangles to 1 1/2” X 1 1/2”
Instead of quilt blocks I went with just diving straight in to the rows. So you will be sewing the pieces into rows.

5) Sew the pieces together, using the other background pieces, in the following layouts--
2 rows- this is the very first and last row of the mini quilt

3 rows-- this is the sashing sort of. It has the bottom and top points of the pinwheels

4 rows- these are sort of the spacers. They alternate with the rows above
6) Sew the rows together -- I would suggest using lots of pins. The size of the blocks are small and can easily shift while sewing. Pin at the intersections so they keep where they are supposed to be.

7) Sew the red border to the sides and bottom, top of the quilt center.
8) Sew the black or dark border to the sides and bottom, top of the quilt center
9) Layer with your batting and backing and quilt

Yield:
16" x 19" mini quilt

Have your sewn mini quilts before? Have any hints or tips to share?

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